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May 17, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

41 May 17, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
OF A RIDING, HIKING, AND EQUESTRIAN TRAIL EASEMENT
NORTH OF POEMA PLACE
IN THE VICINITY OF CHATSWORTH
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action will allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate an easement for riding, hiking, and equestrian trail purposes north of Poema Place in the vicinity of Chatsworth, which is no longer needed for public use. The vacation has been requested by the underlying property owner in order to remove the encumbrance of the easement from the property.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that the easement for riding, hiking, and equestrian trail purposes north of Poema Place in the vicinity of Chatsworth has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
3. Find that the easement for riding, hiking, and equestrian trail purposes north of Poema Place in the vicinity of Chatsworth has been superseded by relocation and there are no other public facilities located within the easement and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(c) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

4. Find that the easement for riding, hiking, and equestrian trail purposes north of Poema Place in the vicinity of Chatsworth is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility as required by Section 892 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

5. Adopt the Resolution of Summary Vacation.

6. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County of Los Angeles (County) to vacate the easement for riding, hiking, and equestrian trail purposes (Easement) north of Poema Place in the vicinity of Chatsworth, since it no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public use.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The vacation of the Easement will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The vacation of the Easement will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County's budget. The applicant has paid a \$1,500 fee to defray the expense of the investigation. This amount has been deposited into the Road Fund. The fee was authorized by your Board in a resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The area to be vacated contains approximately 7,657 square feet and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation.

The California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8333(a) and (c) provide that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a public service easement if the easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation or the easement has been superseded by relocation and there are no other public facilities located within the easement.

The Easement is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility as defined in Section 887 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

The County's interest in the Easement was acquired in 1986 by dedication in Tract No. 44334, filed in Book 1077, pages 81 to 86, inclusive, of Maps, in the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk as an easement for riding, hiking, and equestrian trail purposes.

EQR-Cordelle, LLC, the underlying property owner, requested the vacation to remove the encumbrance of the Easement from the property.

Adoption of the enclosed resolution and the subsequent recordation will terminate the County's rights and interests in the Easement. Your action will result in the property being unencumbered by the Easement and available to the underlying property owners for use without restriction of the Easement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which state that this class of projects consisting of minor alterations in land use, limitations and actions to revoke entitlement for use, issued and adopted by the regulatory agency, have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow the unnecessary riding, hiking, and equestrian trail easement to be extinguished.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of your Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
5/17/2011
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

GF:SGS:mr

Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset
Management)
Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
OF A RIDING, HIKING, AND EQUESTRIAN TRAIL EASEMENT
NORTH OF POEMA PLACE**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County of Los Angeles is the holder of an easement for riding, hiking, and equestrian trail purposes (hereinafter referred to as the Easement) in, over, and across the real property legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The Easement, north of Poema Place, is located in the vicinity of Chatsworth in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
2. The Easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation.
3. The Easement has been superseded by relocation and there are no other public facilities located within the Easement.
4. The Easement is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility as defined in Section 887 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
5. The Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California, commencing with Section 8330.
6. The Director of Public Works is authorized to record the certified original resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Easement will no longer be public easement.
7. From and after the date this resolution is recorded, the Easement will no longer constitute a public service easement.

The foregoing resolution was on the 17 day of May, 2011,
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex-officio the
governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board
so acts.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By

Carole Suzuki for Julia Weissman
Deputy

By

[Signature]
Deputy

GT:mr

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EXHIBIT A

RIDING, HIKING, & EQUESTRIAN TRAIL N/O POEMA PLACE 1-2VAC

A.I.N. 2821-013{R,H & E Trail (Por.)}

T.G. 500-A1

I.M. 204-097

R.D. 539

S.D. 5

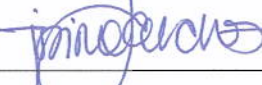
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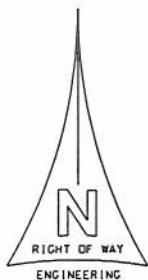
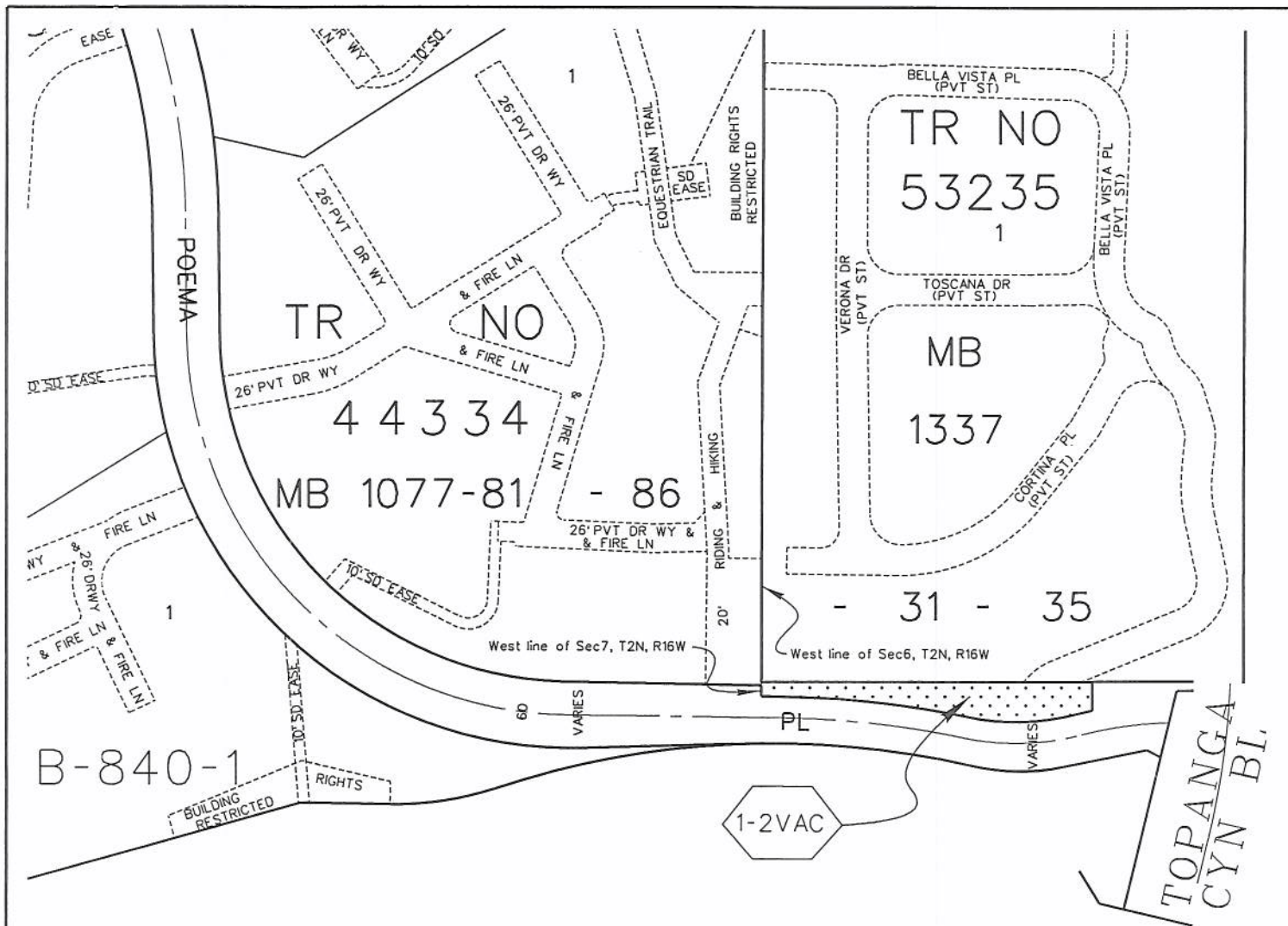
PARCEL NO. 1-2VAC (Vacation of riding, hiking, and equestrian trail easement):

That portion of Lot 1 of Tract No. 44334, as shown on map filed in Book 1077, pages 81 to 86, inclusive, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, designated as "EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR RIDING, HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAIL PURPOSES" on said map and lying easterly of the west line of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 16 West, S.B.M.

Containing: 7,657 ±square feet

APPROVED AS TO DESCRIPTION
<u>March 28, 2011</u>
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
By <u></u>
SUPERVISING CADASTRAL ENGINEER III
Survey/Mapping and Property Management Division

This real property description has been prepared in conformance with the Professional Land Surveyors Act. The signatory herein is exempt pursuant to Section 8726 of the California Business and Professions Code.



SUBJECT
LOCATION

EXHIBIT B

LEGEND



Proposed Vacation
(Riding, Hiking &
Equestrian Trail)
Total Area 7.657 ± s.f.

REVISIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SURVEY/MAPPING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

SD. 5 RD. 539 A.I.N. 2821-013 T.G. 500-A1

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N/O POEMA PLACE

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SCALE
NONE

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